

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION FUNDRAISING COUNSEL FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

## **NOTICE**

Senate Bill 2015, approved by the Governor on September 16, 2000, amends Section 12598 of the Government Code and adds Sections 12586.1, 12586.2, 12591.1 and 12591.2. Fines or filing penalties may be imposed for failure to submit completed registration forms annually by January 15. A copy of Senate Bill 2015 may be reviewed on the Charitable Trusts' Website.

## **WHO MUST FILE**

Every fundraising counsel for charitable purposes in California must register with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts prior to planning, managing, advising, counseling, consulting or preparing material for, or with respect to, the solicitation in this state of funds, assets or property for charitable purposes. "Fundraising counsel for charitable purposes" is defined in California Government Code section 12599.1(c) printed below.

## **WHEN TO FILE**

Fundraising counsel must register annually in California for each calendar year of activity. The last day for filing the registration form is January 15 of the applicable year.

## **FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION**

A registration fee of \$200 must accompany each annual registration form. The registration fee must be paid by CERTIFIED CHECK payable to the REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS. A registration form not accompanied by certified check will not be processed and will be returned.

## **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER**

Failure by a fundraising counsel to register with and report each person, corporation, or other legal entity for whom the fundraising counsel has performed any services to the Registry of Charitable Trusts is unlawful. A fundraising counsel for charitable purposes is subject to the Attorney General's supervision and enforcement to the same extent as a trustee for charitable purposes. Government Code Section 12586.1 (newly enacted) authorizes the Attorney General to charge fines or filing penalties for each month or part of the month for registrations not received annually by January 15. The amended Government Code sections can be found on the Charitable Trusts' Website at <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities/> under "Statutes and Regulations."

## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information is available on the Charitable Trusts' Website at <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities/>. You may also contact the California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts at (916) 323-5079.